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SUBJ: SALIM SALIM COMMENTS ON GENEVA TALKS

1. SALIM A. SALIM, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM DECEMBER 16 FROM GENEVA, WHERE HE HAS BEEN ACTING AS TANZANIAN OBSERVER AT RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TANZANIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL JOSEPH WARIOBA, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN SERVING AS OBSERVER, AND IS TO BRIEF PRESIDENT NYERERE.

2. ON ARRIVAL HE COMMENTED TO NEWSMEN ON THE TALKS, AS REPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE TANZANIA DAILY NEWS DECEMBER 17:

QUOTE: THE DECISION BY THE ZIMBABWE FIGHTERS TO INTENSIFY THE ARMED STRUGGLE "IS EXTREMELY LOGICAL BECAUSE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS ONLY AN EXTENSION OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE."

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TANZANIA 'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, NDUGU SALIM AHMED SALIM SAID THIS IN DAR YESTERDAY ON ARRIVAL FROM GENEVA WHERE HE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER.

"THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS ONLY AN EXTENSION AND A PRO-

DUCT OF THE STRUGGLE. UNTIL THERE IS TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE WHITE-MINORITY REGIME TO THE AFRICAN MAJORITY, THE STRUGGLE MUST CONTINUE IN ALL FIELDS," HE EMPHASISED. ON THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, NDUGU SALIM SAID THAT LACK OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS AT THE TABLE WAS DUE TO BRITAIN'S FAILURE TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE AS A COLONIAL POWER, COUPLED WITH IAN SMITH'S STUBBORNNESS.

HE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS VERY CLEAR - TO SET UP AN AFRICAN MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. AND THE NATIONALIST EXPRESSED THEIR POSITION VERY CLEARLY." THE BALL IS NOW IN THE BRITISH COURT. WE ARE NOW WAITING TO HEAR BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS WHEN THE CONFERENCE RESUMES IN JANUARY," HE SAID.

HE SAID HE HOPES THAT BRITAIN WILL PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE AS THE COLONIAL POWER WHEN THE CONFERENCE RESUMES. ON THE ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY THE RHODESIAN FORCES AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE, NDUGU SALIM SAID THAT THE AGGRESSION REPRESENTS THE HEIGHT OF DESPERATION THE PART OF THE WHITE-MINORITY REGIME. UNQUOTE.
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